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FOR SECRETARY ADAMS PARTY (PIEPER)

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SUBJ: BIO DATA FOR DOT SECRETARY ADAMS

1. SINCE SECRETARY ADAMS WILL BE MEETING WITH
FOURCADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN PARIS
JUNE 3 AND LUNCHING WITH RAVAUD THAT SAME DAY,
WE CONSIDERED IT WILL BE USEFUL FOR SECRETARY
TO HAVE BIO INFO WELL IN ADVANCE OF HIS MEETINGS
WITH THESE TWO KEY FRENCH FIGURES. BIO INFO ON
EACH IS THEREFORE GIVEN BELOW.

2. JEAN-PIERRE FOURCADE, MINISTER OF EQUIPMENT
AND TERRITORIAL PLANNING. NAME PRONOUNCED
FORE-CARD; ACCENT IS ON SECOND SYLLABLE, UTTERED AS
IN SOUTH BOSTON. ADDRESSED AS "MR. MINISTER".

CONSIDERED TO BE AN EXPERT ON THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY,
FOURCADE SPENT FIFTEEN YEARS IN THE FINANCE MINISTRY
AND FOUR YEARS AS A PRIVATE BANKER BEFORE BEING
NAMED MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY AND FINANCE IN 1974.
DURING THE MORE THAN TWO YEARS THAT HE HELD
THIS POST HE WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S CHIEF
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ARCHITECT OF DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PLANNING, AND
WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEVEN BILLION DOLLAR
REFLATION PROGRAM UNDERTAKEN BY THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT IN THE FALL OF 1975. WHEN FOURCADE WAS
NAMED MINISTER OF EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION)
IN THE FIRST BARRE GOVERNMENT (AUGUST 1976) HIS
ASSIGNMENT WAS A DEMOTION REFLECTING HIS DE FACTO

INABILITY TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH FRANCE'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IN THE RECENT CABINET SHUFFLE IN MARCH 1977 FOURCADE WAS GIVEN THE ADDITIONAL PORTFOLIO OF TERRITORIAL PLANNING.

FOURCADE SERVED ON VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING'S PERSONAL STAFF FROM 1959-66 WHEN GISCARD WAS IN CHARGE OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY. DESPITE HIS RELEGATION TO A LESS IMPORTANT CABINET POST IN THE BARRE GOVERNMENT, FOURCADE REMAINS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF THE PRESIDENT. INDEED, HIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GISCARD IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT HE REMAINS IN THE CABINET. ACTIVE IN LOCAL POLITICS (HE IS MAYOR OF THE PARIS SUBURB OF ST. CLOUD), FOURCADE IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF A GROUP OF CLUBS AFFILIATED WITH GISCARD'S FORMER PARTY, THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN--RECENTLY RENAMED REPUBLICAN PARTY. THESE CLUBS SERVE AS "THINK TANKS" FOR THE PRESIDENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTER.

FOURCADE SPEAKS LITTLE ENGLISH.

3. RENE RAVAUD, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SNECMA (NATIONAL CORPORATION FOR THE STUDY AND CONSTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT ENGINES).

NAME PRONOUNCED RAHV-OH, WITH ACCENT ON SECOND SYLLABLE. ADDRESSED AS "MR. PRESIDENT."
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RAVAUD, ONE OF THE TOP FIGURES ON THE FRENCH AEROSPACE INDUSTRY SCENE, HAS BEEN HEAD OF SNECMA SINCE 1971. SNECMA IS A NATIONALIZED CORPORATION. IT BUILDS JET ENGINES USED IN FRENCH MILITARY AIRCRAFT; WITH ROLLS-ROYCE BUILT OLYMPUS ENGINES THAT POWER CONCORDE; IS SUBCONTRACTOR TO GE FOR SOME OF THE COMPONENTS OF GE'S CF-6 ENGINE; AND IS FULL PARTNER WITH GE FOR JOINT DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF THE CFM-56 "TEN-TON" ENGINE. IRONICALLY ENOUGH GE'S CHIEF COMPETITOR IN THE ENGINE FIELD--UNITED TECHNOLOGIES (PRATT AND WHITNEY)--IS A MINORITY SHAREHOLDER IN SNECMA BUT HAS NO REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

RAVAUD WAS BORN IN PARIS IN 1920. HE ATTENDED

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THE ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE AND ALSO HAS DEGREES IN
MARINE AND AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING. HE ENTERED
THE FRENCH CIVIL SERVICE IN 1942 AS A MARITIME
ENGINEER. IN 1951 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON
AS HEAD OF THE FRENCH TECHNICAL MISSION
FOR MARITIME CONSTRUCTION AND IN 1956 WAS NAMED
HEAD OF THE FRENCH TECHNICAL PURCHASING MISSION
IN THE US. IN 1961 HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT OF ARMAMENT IN THE GOF AND FROM 1965
TO 1970 WAS DIRECTOR OF ARMAMENT PROGRAMS AND
INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS.

IN THE MUCH-TROUBLED FRENCH AEROSPACE INDUSTRY,
SNECMA IS DOING QUITE WELL. IN FACT, ALL THE
GOF'S HOPES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW MEDIUM RANGE
TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT HINGE ON USE OF THE CFM-56
ENGINE. SNECMA'S SUCCESS IS DUE IN NO SMALL
MEASURE TO RAVAUD AND TO HIS PHILOSOPHY OF MANAGE-
MENT. UNLIKE OTHER IN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND
IN INDUSTRY, RAVAUD HAS NO COMPLEXES OVER BEING
"SUB-CONTRACTOR" TO THE AMERICANS. IF THIS BRINGS
BUSINESS TO SNECMA AND INCREASES ITS PROFITABILITY,
THEN HE IS ALL FOR IT IN THE BELIEF THAT IT
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CAN, AS IT DID WITH GE, LEAD IN TIME TO A MORE
REWARDING RELATIONSHIP. HE CAN BE SCATHING IN HIS
CRITICISM OF MANAGEMENT OF OTHER SECTORS OF
THE NATIONALIZED AEROSPACE SECTOR, PLAGUED WITH
WHAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE ALL TOO EVIDENT READINESS
TO LIVE OFF THE GOVERNMENTAL DOLE AND NOT OPERATE
IN PROFIT-ORIENTED MANNER. HE WAS OFFERED THE
PRESIDENCY OF AEROSPATIALE ABOUT A YEAR AGO BUT
TURNED IT DOWN; HAD HE ACCEPTED IT, HE SAID, HE
WOULD HAVE BEGUN BY FIRING THIRTY PERCENT OF
AEROSPATIALE'S TOP MANAGEMENT. IT IS NO SURPRISE,
THEREFORE, THAT HE IS NO APOLOGIST FOR THE
CONCORDE PROGRAM, EVEN THOUGH SNECMA HELPS BUILD
THE ENGINES; HE CONSIDERS CONCORDE TO HAVE BEEN
WASTEFUL OF GOF RESOURCES AND AS FAR AS HE IS
CONCERNED THE PROGRAM IS DEAD AFTER THE SIXTEENTH
AND FINAL CONCORDE ROLLS OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINE.

RAVAUD IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN. HIS
INTERESTS, IN ADDITION TO SNECMA, ARE READING,
MUSIC AND GARDENING. HE LOST HIS RIGHT ARM IN
THE WAR AND WEARS AN ARTIFICIAL LIMB;
HE SHAKES HANDS WITH HIS LEFT. HE IS A COMMANDER
OF THE FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR AND IS HOLDER OF
THE CROIX DE GUERRE AND THE AERONAUTICAL MEDAL.
HE IS A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY,
AND IN THE US THE SOCIETY OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS AND
ENGINEERS AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS
AND ASTRONAUTICS. HE SPEAKS FAIR ENGLISH.
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